

Donald Girdler made an everlasting contribution to the world of Kentucky politics, and his motivation and innovation paved the way for others to get involved in their own way by bringing opportunities and jobs to the Pulaski County area. Donnie loved working in politics. He loved serving the public, but he was happiest when he was at his farmhouse in Nancy, KY, and he could fix up a pot of coffee and talk politics with his friends that would drop by from time to time.

At this time I would like to ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in commemorating Donald E. Girdler, an individual whose hard work and upstanding character, combined with his talents and passion, have forever changed the climate of politics in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A news story highlighting the eventful life of Donnie Girdler was recently published in the Somerset, KY, area publication, the Commonwealth Journal.

I ask unanimous consent that said story be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Commonwealth Journal, Jan. 9, 2012]

POLITICAL ICON DONNIE GIRDLER DEAD AT 63  
(By Bill Mardis)

A longtime aide to Congressman Hal Rogers and one of the Lake Cumberland area's most savvy political strategists has died.

Donnie Girdler's death Sunday ended a career that evolved through service in the military, local law enforcement, congressional front man, and political adviser to candidates and confidant to presidents. He was 63.

"As one who knew him for 37 years, I will say he was highly motivated," said Dan Venters, justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

"I have known Donnie Girdler as long as I have known anyone in Pulaski County," said Venters. "When I first came here to work in (then) Commonwealth's Attorney Hal Rogers's office, Donnie was the first person I met. He was serving as Commonwealth's detective in Hal's office."

"There was something about us that bonded . . . he became one of my closest friends and confidants," said Venters.

Girdler worked for Congressman Rogers for more than a quarter of a century.

"Donnie was one of my closest advisers and served faithfully as a field representative for the Fifth Congressional District," said Rogers. "As a retired member of the honorable U.S. Marine Corps and a former Commonwealth's detective, Donnie was a man of integrity and loyalty."

"With courage of conviction, Donnie played a key role in bringing various opportunities and projects to the region. But it was his passion for politics that many sought during campaigns. His political savvy and insight were invaluable to local, state and federal politicians. He was a true patriot and a true friend," said Rogers.

Girdler was a friend of presidents. He was personally acquainted with five presidents and was a friend of the two Bushes—George W. Bush and his father, George H.W. Bush. He worked in Bob Dole's presidential campaign and was a presidential elector for George W. Bush.

Locally, Girdler managed the successful campaign of Pulaski County Judge-Execu-

tive Barty Bullock and served as Bullock's deputy judge for a year and a half.

"I am very saddened by the recent passing of Donnie Girdler," Bullock said in a statement. "I first met him when I ran for county judge-executive in 2006. As we worked and spent numerous hours together, we became very good friends."

"Since the onset of his illness we have not had as much communication as in the past, but I still think of our friendship fondly. I know that Donnie had many friends, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him," Bullock said.

A political consultant since leaving Congressman Rogers's office, Girdler developed close friendships with politicians and officeholders in wide areas, particularly in McCreary, Whitley, Clay and Knox counties.

Said Lori Hines, a political partner, "He had a great insight into the human mind. He knew how people would react more than anyone I have ever known. He definitely was a people person. His voice was what defined him. People would stop at his farmhouse in Nancy, have a cup of coffee and talk politics," said Hines.

Girdler has been nominated as a member of the Republican Fifth District Hall of Fame. He will be inducted posthumously in March.

His body is at Pulaski Funeral Home where funeral arrangements are pending. A complete obituary will be in Wednesday's Commonwealth Journal.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING JOHN BROOKMAN PERRY

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I wish to honor the memory of a man whose life was dedicated to serving his community and protecting his fellow citizens. One year ago today, Deputy U.S. Marshal John Brookman Perry was killed in the line of duty while serving his country and community. Deputy Perry was assigned to the U.S. Marshals Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis and was serving a warrant when he was fatally shot. Today we honor his memory and the sacrifices he made for all of us.

Deputy Perry was born on the west side of Chicago in Glen Ellyn, IL, and graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in geology. He went to work for the Madison County probation office in Edwardsville, IL where he served for 16 years.

In 2001 he graduated from the U.S. Marshals Academy and went to work at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Deputy Perry returned to the Midwest in 2005 when he was assigned to the Eastern District in St. Louis. There, he served as a team leader on the fugitive task force and was the district's firearms instructor.

Deputy Perry came from a family dedicated to public service and was a natural fit for the U.S. Marshals Service. His brother, Bart Perry, has worked for the State of Illinois for over 25 years as a probation officer, and both his father and grandfather were Federal judges. His father served as a bankruptcy court judge and his grandfather was a former coal miner who be-

came a district court judge. As a young boy, Deputy Perry was exposed to the Federal courts and became familiar with the U.S. Marshals Service and their work.

We should never forget the sacrifices that men like Deputy Perry and their families make daily to protect all of us. Our society depends on these dedicated individuals who risk their lives to protect the common good. I want to express my gratitude and thanks and ask the Senate to join me in remembering U.S. Deputy Marshal John Brookman Perry.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:01 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2842. An act to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydro-power development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3606. An act to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies.

The message also announced that pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the President's Export Council: Mr. REICHERT of Washington, Mr. GERLACH of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIBERI of Ohio, Ms. SUTTON of Ohio, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2842. An act to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydro-power development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2173. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5261. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, proposed legislation to amend section 4306 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act, concerning the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (MOX facility) that is under construction at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site in South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5262. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hawker Beechcraft Corporation Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0014)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5263. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0599)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5264. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1212)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5265. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; 328 Support Services GmbH Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0995)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5266. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0219)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5267. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0415)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5268. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1139)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5269. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1155)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5270. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1298)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5271. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BRP-POWERTRAIN GmbH and Co KG Rotax Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1022)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5272. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0037)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5273. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0005)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5274. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0086)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5275. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Teledyne Continental Motors (TCM) and Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd. (R-RM) Series Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0085)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5276. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-524 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No.

FAA-2009-0162)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5277. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Continental Motors, Inc. (CMI) Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1341)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5278. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seagoing Barges" ((RIN1625-AB71) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0363)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5279. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Anti-fouling System Certificate" ((RIN1625-AB79) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0745)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5280. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Isle of Wight (Sinepuxent) Bay, Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0697)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5281. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Neuse River, New Bern, NC" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0974)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5282. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Calcasieu River, Westlake, LA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5283. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, New River and Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Lauderdale, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1011)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5284. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Key West World Championship, Atlantic Ocean; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0942)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5285. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations; Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0994)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5286. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Captain of the Port Lake Michigan; Technical Amendment" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0489)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5287. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Container Crane Relocation, Cooper and Wando Rivers, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1045)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5288. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone and Regulated Navigation Area, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Romeoville, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1108)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5289. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Art Gallery Party St. Pete 2011 Fireworks Display, Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0774)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5290. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fourth Annual Chillounge Night St. Petersburg Fireworks Display, Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0615)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5291. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Temporary Change for Recurring Fireworks Display within the Fifth Coast Guard District, Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0978)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5292. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 14-Mile Railroad Bridge Replacement, Mobile River, Mobile, AL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0969)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5293. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V DAVY CROCKETT, Columbia River" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0939)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5294. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; New Year's Eve Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port St. Petersburg Zone, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0958)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5295. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Truman-Hobbs Alteration of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railroad Drawbridge; Illinois River, Morris, Illinois" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1058)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5296. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Potomac River, National Harbor Access Channel, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0976)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5297. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Department of Defense Exercise, Hood Canal, Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 29, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5298. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9336-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5299. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Penthiopyrad; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9335-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5300. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5301. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No.

FEMA-2012-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5302. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Nevada; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated By Reference" (FRL No. 9634-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5303. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Ozone Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL No. 9645-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5304. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 9643-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5305. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Aerosol Coatings—Addition of Dimethyl Carbonate, Benzotrifluoride, and Hexamethyldisiloxane to Table of Reactivity Factors" (FRL No. 9644-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5306. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Assurance Requirements for Continuous Opacity Monitoring Systems at Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9643-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5307. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Date for Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters" (FRL No. 9637-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5308. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Significant New Uses of Tris Carbamoyl Triazine; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9339-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5309. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transmittal of Best Practices to Enhance Coordination in the RCRA Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia; Atlanta; Determination of Attainment by Applicable Attainment Date for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 9643-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina and South Carolina; Charlotte; Determination of Attainment by Applicable Attainment Date for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 9643-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9626-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5313. A communication from District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Sufficiency Review of the Reasonableness of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (DC Water) Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Estimate Totalling \$426,416,477"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5314. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-320 "District of Columbia Public Schools and Public Charter School Student Residency Fraud Prevention Amendment Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5315. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 19-319 "Uniform Collaborative Law Act of 2012"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5316. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5317. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during Calendar Year 2011 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jeffrey J. Helmick, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Mary Geiger Lewis, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Timothy S. Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2174. A bill to exempt natural gas vehicles from certain maximum fuel economy increase standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 2175. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 to provide for the trial of covered persons detained in the United States pursuant to the Authorization for Use of Military Force and to repeal the requirement for military custody; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin):

S. 2176. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to require the President to certify that the Yucca Mountain site remains the designated site for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2177. A bill to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2178. A bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2179. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for professional school personnel in early childhood education, to expand the deduction for certain expenses of teachers to teachers in early childhood education, and to modify the credit for dependent care services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2181. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for loan forgiveness for early childhood educators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2182. A bill to establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 391. A resolution condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KIRK):

S. Res. 392. A resolution urging the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian heritage and to return confiscated church properties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 393. A resolution designating March 11, 2012 as "World Plumbing Day"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 412

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 687

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 687, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 839

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 922

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.